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Dear Sir:

This Response is filed in response to the written restriction requirement mailed from the USPTO on October 17, 2008, to which a one-month shortened statutory for reply expired November 17, 2008. Applicant herein requests a five-month extension of time to respond to the Restriction Requirement, thus extending the period for response to April 17, 2009. A Petition for Extension of Time and a payment of \$1,175.00 for a five-month extension of time to respond is attached herewith. It is believed that no additional fee is currently due. In the event that an additional fee is deemed necessary or overpayment due in connection with this response, the undersigned authorizes the charge to be applied to Deposit Account No. 502679.

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Remarks begin on Page 5 of this response.

Please reconsider the application as follows:

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